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For: **ENZYMATIC DEGRADATION OF
COTTON FIBERS: EFFECT OF PROTEIN
CROSS-LINKING AND THE USE OF
DEGRADATION TO CHARACTERIZE
FIBERS OF PLANTS OF DIFFERENT
GENETIC BACKGROUNDS**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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RE: Response to Communication

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office communication mailed on December 19, 2008.

Amendments to Claims:

I Claim:

11. **[Currently Amended]** The methods of any of the claims 5-10, further comprising the step of utilizing the characterization of cotton fibers according to the